

UNLUCKY REMARK REVEALS ROMANCE

J. R. King and Miss Muller
Wedded More Than
Month.

STORY OF ELOPEMENT

Secret is Bared When Bridegroom
Asks, "What He'll Give Wife
for Christmas?"

Friends of Miss Minnie Wilhelmina Muller, of 56 T street northwest, and Joseph Ruben King, of 815 Q street northwest, will be surprised to learn that they were married more than a month ago and have succeeded in keeping their wedding a secret even from their relatives.

An Unlucky Remark.

Last night the bridegroom accidentally revealed the secret by saying he wondered what he would give his wife for Christmas. He tried to correct himself, but his sister, Bertha A. King, held him to his word and insisted on knowing the name of the bride. Then Mr. King told the story.

Miss Muller and Mr. King left their homes on November 19 for a car ride. By mere accident they boarded a car going to Rockville, Md. The car stopped directly in front of the courthouse, and Mr. King mounted the steps post haste and procured a marriage license. The Rev. Mr. Dridger was found in a few moments and tied the knot for the elopers.

Each Went Home.

Tucking the license in his inside pocket, Mr. King returned to Washington with his bride. Judge Mulwoney, in the wiser until last night when Mr. King told of the elopement.

Mr. King is twenty-three years of age and his wife is twenty-one. There was some objection to the union because of Mr. King's age, but the outcome of the romance is satisfactory to all parties and there will be a happy family reunion at Mr. King's home on Christmas.

VITAL RECORDS

Births.

George and Jennie M. Jenkins, girl.
Charles A. and Juliet H. Strickland, girl.
Michael and Catherine M. Wessmuel-ler, girl.
John B. and Grace D. Ecker, boy.
Howard and Bettie Jones, girl.
Cary and Lizzie Freeman, boy.
Richard and Gertrude Williams, boy.
Daniel and Eva Smith, boy.
August and Frances Jones, girl.
Hoyt and Annie Smith, girl.
William R. and Jessie E. Jones, girl.
Raymond C. and Edith H. Parsons, boy.
Rufus F. and Ann G. Fox, boy.
Andrew P. and Frances E. Baldwin, boy.
Robert L. and Alice M. Smith, boy.
Morris and Eva Guinsburg, boy.
Charles E. and Esther M. Wise, boy.
Harry and Lillie Smith, boy.
Syles and Jennie G. Joel, girl.
Charles and Celia Fields, boy.
James P. and Maggie R. Anderson, girl.
William A. and Claudine M. Hosler, girl.
Jesse L. and Mary A. Burch, girl.
Charles W. and Mary J. Sorrell, boy.
Albert A. and Daisy Manuel, boy.
Stephen E. and Olla L. Colclain, boy.
James C. and Florence E. Cheseldine, boy.
Anthony and Florence R. Seufert, boy.
Charles L. and Martha A. Sterns, girl.
William T. and Elizabeth L. Hohn, boy.
Henry L. and Minnie J. Barrick, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Loucks, Schenectady, N. Y., and Elizabeth Burdett, Aurora, Ill.
William Simmons, Jr., and Lucy B. Murray, both of Edinburg, Va.
Benson Taylor, Drury, Md., and Lula M. James, Bristerburg, Va.
James H. Elgers, Montgomery county, Maryland, and Catherine Smiley, District of Columbia.
Richard J. Wheatley and Lydia H. Lowrey.
Arthur G. Green and Geneva Smiley.
John Burton and Lydia Jenkins.
William F. Hall and Alice M. Bowles, both of Hanover county, Virginia.
James G. Frisley and Mildred Hicks.
George Skelton and Elizabeth Steele.
Rudolph Colbert and Martha Thomas.
Benjamin A. Ferrell and Annie Utter-back, both of Marshall, Va.
Letcher L. Yarborough, Pittsburg, Pa., and Beatrice Craigwell, District of Columbia.

Deaths.

William L. Armiger, 77 years, 936 E street northwest.
Mary R. Porter, 72 years, Hotel Re-son.
Zera L. Tanner, 71 years, 2294 R street northwest.
Frank Johnson, 66 years, 1518 M street northwest.
Edward Nalley, 66 years, 1239 Eleventh street southeast.
Martha Bottomley, 54 years, 1311 Third street southwest.
Lucinda J. Bugden, 51 years, 313 Polk street, Anacostia.
Sarah Witt, 35 years, 1381 F street northwest.
William Williams, 30 years, 912 Barry place northwest.
George Washington, 10 years, 1243 Union court southwest.
Cora Washington, 8 months, 464 Franklin street northwest.
Percy Brown, 4 months, 405 Ackrow court southwest.
Robert Johnson, 5 days, 311 Harrison avenue southeast.
Albert H. Fugitt, 14 days, 1336 Union street southwest.
Jessica R. Benham, 3 days, 3331 Eighteenth street northwest.

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Clerks' Salary Raise Is Urged Regardless Of Littauer's Views

Members Take Exceptions to Arguments
That Heads of Bureaus Are the Ones
Who Should Receive Increase.

There are members of Congress who strongly combat the view expressed by Representative Littauer, of New York, that the heads of bureaus in the Government service are the ones who ought to have their salaries raised rather than the clerks in the lower grades of the service.

These Congressmen base their arguments on this statement:

"Too many men and women, with families to support, are struggling along on \$300 or \$400 a year. With living expenses at their present high figure, a \$1,000 clerk, in addition to being a good worker, must have a positive genius for financial management and economy in order to exist. The drag of the work and the skimping is a tremendous strain which might well operate to the detriment of the Government service."

The Times can state authoritatively that the fight for better pay for the clerks will be forced by every possible means known to the Congressmen favoring the increase. Representatives Livingston and Southwick are especially resolute in their purpose to obtain better salaries for the clerks.

Although they may not have such a bill passed this session, they will, they hope, prepare the minds of all members of Congress for the legislation next session which will result in the betterment of the clerks' condition.

Many Nominations for
Consular Service Be-
fore Senate for Con-
firmation.

The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

To be secretaries of embassies: Montgomery Schuyler, Jr., of New York, at St. Petersburg, Russia; John Gardner Coolidge, of Massachusetts, at Mexico. To be second secretaries of embassies: Nelson O'Shaughnessy, of New York, at St. Petersburg, Russia; Robert M. Winthrop, of Massachusetts, at Rome, Italy.

To be envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary: Joseph W. Lee, of Maryland, to Guatemala and Honduras; Horace G. Knowles, of Delaware, to Roumania and Serbia; William G. Fox, of New Jersey, to Ecuador; Thomas C. Dawson, of Iowa, to Colombia.

To be secretaries of legations: Leonard M. Thomas, of Pennsylvania, at Madrid, Spain; Stanton Stickle, of New York, at Greece and Montenegro and of the diplomatic agency in Bulgaria; Robert Woods Bliss, of New York, at Brussels, Belgium.

To be secretaries of legation and consuls general: Philip M. Brown, of Massachusetts, to Roumania and Serbia; general: Penton R. McCrory, of Michigan, to Santo Domingo.

To be United States district judge for the district of Nevada: Edward S. Farrington, of Nevada.

BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED JUMPING FROM STREET CAR

An unidentified white boy about sixteen years of age jumped from an east-bound Capital Traction car on Pennsylvania avenue this morning and was rendered unconscious. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull.

The boy was standing on the rear platform and jumped off while the car was traveling at a good speed between John Marshall place and Sixth street. Striking on the back of his head he was rendered unconscious, which condition he remained until a late hour this afternoon. There were no papers in his pockets or marks on his clothing to give the slightest clue to his identity.

UNIVERSITY SITE MAY BE BOUGHT

Property of the George
Washington Is Under
Option.

It is stated on excellent authority that an option extending over sixty days has been secured by the office of F. H. Smith Company on the property of the George Washington University located at the southeast corner of Fifteenth and H streets northwest.

This property has a frontage of 154 feet on H street, with 131 feet on Fifteenth street, and contains 20,216 square feet of ground, improved by the hand-some collection of buildings used by the university.

The option price is stated at \$30 per foot, which represents an aggregate of \$606,300 for the whole property.

The F. H. Smith Company would not impart who the probable buyer is, nor the purpose for which the purchase is made, but it is understood that a large department store has for some time been contemplating an establishment in this city, and it is considered likely that the option is being secured for them.

This is the highest price yet named for property in that section as the ground of the new Union Trust Company building on the opposite corner was secured for \$23 per foot, while the site of St. Matthew's Church on the northwest corner is held several dollars less.

SELECTION OF BRYCE STILL UNSETTLED

LONDON, Dec. 19.—No appointment of an ambassador to the United States to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand has been made. In regard to the reported selection of James Bryce the most that can be said is that his appointment is not unlikely.

MAY USE OIL AS FUEL IN UNITED STATES NAVY

In order to determine the value and advantage of the use of oil fuel on warships a test will be made soon on the monitor Wyoming at the Mare Island and Navy Yard. The test will be of several days' duration in a run at sea, the oil being carried in the double bottom of the ship.

Short of Men for Task, Says Dr. Woodward

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Southwest, is an equally clear indictment of the Health Department of Washington. It is almost unbelievable that after a report had been made of typhoid fever in a shed likely to spread disease, the health officials should have permitted the exposure of typhoid germs in that shed for the whole period of six weeks.

"The elimination of our Washington slums is a great work, which will require years to accomplish. But the eradication of these pest holes ought not occupy a resolute city government more than a day."

I have this day, in company with the Chief Inspector and Inspector Conrad, visited all houses in Snow's court, except such as were closed on account of the absence of the occupants.

Slovenly Methods of Living.

The most conspicuous feature of this inspection was the general slovenly methods of living prevailing among the residents of this court. Among the fifty residences in the court, there was one obstructed water closet and one obstructed sewer. In several instances water pipes that leaked a little were found and in several instances the paving around the yard drains was defective.

The prevailing form of nuisance, however, was the dirty yard and the dirty house. With one or two notable exceptions, none of the houses could be called strictly clean, according to the standards prevailing among refined people, even when they were not in such condition as to warrant the advice of notices by the Health Department. One case was discovered in which young children were evidently without clothing sufficient to keep them warm; this case was referred to the Board of Children's Guardians for appropriate treatment.

Facts About Typhoid Case.

Neither the records of the Health Department nor most careful inquiry among residents of the alley disclosed any evidence of a case of typhoid fever having occurred there during the past summer. The records of the Health Department do show that during 1906 a case of typhoid fever occurred at 341 Snow's court. This case first came to the attention of the Health Department on August 11, 1906, when application was made for a burial permit, the patient having died on August 12 under the care of Dr. R. S. Blackburn. The case was formally reported to the Health Department on the following day, August 13, and was investigated by Dr. J. L. Higgins, one of the medical inspectors of the department, on the following day, August 14.

As this is presumably the case to which the editorial refers, it is important to note that a careful examination of the records of written and oral complaints filed with the Health Department, fails to show any record of the condition of these premises or of the existence of sickness there, other than the report of the case of typhoid fever above mentioned, having been brought to the attention of the Health Department during June, July, and August, 1906, through any agency whatsoever. The absence of such record makes it practically certain that no such complaint was ever filed.

Place Lacks Sewer Connection.

The premises on which this case of typhoid fever existed are the only premises in the square not connected with the public sewer. For these unconnected premises no public sewer and no public water main are lawfully available, and, therefore, the Health Department has been and is unable to require sewer and water connections to be made. The building described is located on the back of a lot extending through to Twenty-fifth street and on the Twenty-fifth street end of this lot there is another dwelling. No public sewer is available in the alley for the service of the alley, and while public sewer and water mains are available in the street, yet section 8 of the plumbing regulations forbids the carrying of the water service pipe through the premises appertaining to the front building, and section 7 forbids the carrying of a house sewer through the front premises.

Inspector Is Dumb.

I am unable to state at the present moment why inspectors who have been in this district have taken no action to require the privy now on these premises to be put in proper structural condition. One inspector has no explanation to make, the other, who has been in the district, is absent on leave.

It may be possible for the Board of Commissioners of Insanitary Buildings to compel the improvement of premises 341 Snow's court, and the case has been referred to the board for appropriate action.

Task of Inspection.

The house to house inspection of Snow's court this morning consumed about two and one-half hours and the work was done as rapidly as possible and more rapidly than one man could do the work, because today the results of inspections by one were, when necessary, noted by another of the inspecting party. Such notices as could be served on tenants were served as the inspection proceeded, but after the inspection had been made it remained for the inspector to ascertain the names and addresses of the owners of such properties as had been made known to the owners were liable, and then to serve such notices or to see that they were served by other inspectors.

Work Takes Time.

But where the inspector who visited these premises was assisted by other inspectors who served notices for him, he would necessarily have to render reciprocal service for his fellow-workers. After notices are served subsequent inspection or inspections are necessary, in order to determine whether they have or have not been complied with, and where they have not been complied with, prosecutions in the Police Court must consume a considerable amount of the inspector's time.

It may be said safely, therefore, that in order to put the fifty premises in Snow's court into proper sanitary condition, it would be necessary for the inspector to devote the equivalent of two days' hard work to it, to the exclusion of everything else, and this, supposing that all notices are complied with. For each case referred to the Police Court it will be necessary to allow approximately two hours' time additional.

Not Inspectors Enough.

It is manifest, therefore, that it is impossible for the Health Department, with the general press of work done, it arising through complaints, to keep Snow's court and other similar places at all times in good condition.

The occupants of Snow's court belong very generally to that class whose members will not complain of one another's premises on the principle that the "pot may call the kettle black" and therefore Snow's court, and similar localities, cannot be kept in good condition unless the Health Department is provided with a sufficient force to enable it not only to look after complaints, but also to make house to house inspections. Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Head of the Police Tells of Slum Arrests

Asked for his opinion on certain conditions in alleys in this city, as depicted in Sunday's Times, Major Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, said:

"The alleys and courts referred to have been recommended by the committee to be opened as streets to let in air and light, and to be improved as such. The opening in many cases would result in the dilapidated houses and huts coming down. This has all been gone into already by the committee."

"The Superintendent of Police, Superintendent of Charities, and Surveyor have nothing to do with dilapidated houses or removals."

"Most of these places are under police supervision. Daily arrests have been made and are still being made. The population is largely composed of the low colored element. The denizens of the alleys are noisy and disorderly, especially in the summer. This matter of conditions has been gone over thoroughly, and reported and recommended upon."

"These people naturally live in clusters several in a room or two. Arrests will never stop it. The houses must come down and the streets opened."

PROF. JOYCE'S PLAY WELL GIVEN.

A benefit for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Home was given last night in Odd Fellows Hall, when "Rev. Dr. Lovejoy's Reformatory" was presented by local amateurs. The play was written especially for the occasion by Prof. James A. Joyce, and was creditably given. Recitations and musical selections varied the evening's program.

POLICE CAPTURES HOUSEBREAKER

Detected in Act of Climbing
Fence to Gain En-
trance.

Clever detective work on the part of Policeman McDonald, of the First Precinct, led to the arrest and arraignment of George Brown, colored, who, with his respective homes. No one was any the Police Court this morning on a charge of housebreaking. Mrs. Nellie Foster, of 365 Thirteenth-and-a-half street,

was the complainant in the case. Brown was held under \$1,000 bond for the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Foster and another woman were in a room on the third floor of her home last night, when a colored man pushed the door open and walked in. When he saw the women there, he hastily withdrew and escaped before an outcry could be made. The police, however, were at once notified, and Policeman McDonald was assigned to the case. He traced the man for several blocks, around corners and through alleys and finally the trail led right back to a rear entrance of Mrs. Foster's house. There, he arrested Brown just as he attempted to climb over the fence in a second attempt to rob the house.

Anthropologists Meet.

Papers of scientific interest by L. M. Casanovicz and W. E. Stafford were read before the Anthropological Society of Washington at the meeting of that organization in the hall of the Cosmos Club last night.

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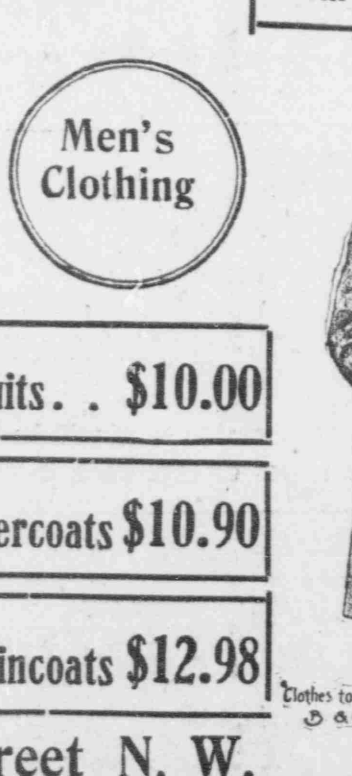
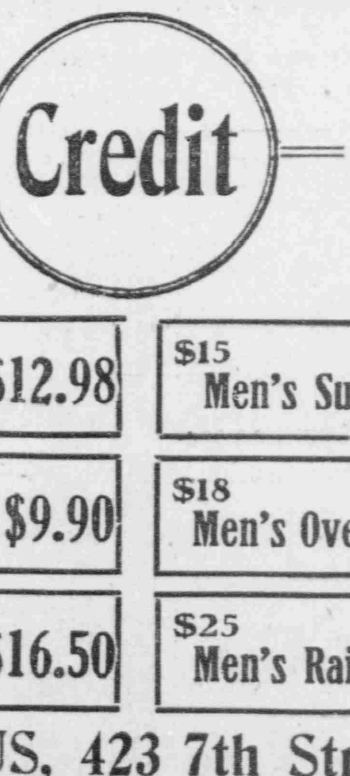
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